

GRAMMAR

1) Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or no article (–).

- Unfortunately, we usually only get to see my sister Pamela and her partner Stuart twice _____ year, as they live in Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands.
- _____ beautiful and romantic city of _____ Paris, which boasts a population of over twelve million inhabitants, is situated on _____ River Seine in _____ France.
- Where's _____ cat gone? I haven't seen it for hours. Is it in _____ garden or upstairs?
- Christopher's been working seven days _____ week for _____ last six months. He's going to have _____ heart attack if he's not careful.

2) Choose the correct alternative.

- If you ask Joanne nicely, she **might / would** change her mind and accept your invitation.
- Unless / If** there are no delays at the airports, I should be home by 9p.m.
- If you pay in cash, you **will get / would get** a five percent discount on the price of the car.
- Imagine you **would win / won** the competition, what do you think you would do next?
- If you tell them you work for the local radio station, you **will / won't** have any problems getting tickets.

VOCABULARY

3) Choose the correct answer.

- I'm pleased to announce that newly introduced employee benefits have had a positive _____ on staff morale.
a) effect b) harm c) damage
- The new legislation has completely _____ the way in which companies must secure personal data.
a) adjusted b) transformed c) enabled
- Surprisingly, it only took Jack a few weeks to _____ to his new role as area manager.
a) enable b) revolutionise c) adjust
- Ian's current line of research is to determine the extent to which mobile phones _____ the hearing of phone users.
a) effect b) harm c) transform
- Clara has _____ to her new circumstances after only a matter of months.
a) enabled b) transformed c) adapted

4) Choose the correct alternative.

- A true entrepreneur can always **see / advertise** a gap in the market.
- When a rival company **raised / launched** an identical product, they swiftly took legal action against them.
- If you **reduce / increase** your prices, your profit margins will rise because you'll sell more units but at a lower price – it's all a question of economies of scale.
- Jeff's company folded after the first year of trading, having failed to successfully **promote / break into** the market as a result of a poor marketing strategy.
- When a leading sports personality agreed to **endorse/dominate** our new energy drink, we knew we'd hit the jackpot.
- At our product meeting, it was suggested that we **entered/set** a more realistic time period for the production of our prototype.
- The communication **breakdown / breakthrough** occurred because neither side was prepared to make the first move in the negotiations.
- According to lead economists, the **outcome / outlook** for the country's economy is looking very stable for the coming year.
- The only real **drawback / breakdown** of the proposed restructuring is that some staff will lose their jobs and have to be made redundant.
- The recent discovery of a new medicine capable of fighting major infections has been a radical **breakthrough / downside** for the team.